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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2812
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63598

Tomoki HIROTA

Appln. No.: 09/813,992

Group Art Unit: 2815

Confirmation No.: 2670

Examiner: Matthew E. Warren

Filed: March 22, 2001

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING OFF FUSE ELECTRODE,
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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Sir:

Applicant's representative initiated a telephone conference with the Examiner, which was conducted on June 10, 2003, to discuss the finality of the Office Action (PTO mail date May 6, 2003; Paper No. 11) and the Interview Summary (PTO mail date May 6, 2003; Paper No. 11).

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In the telephone conference, the new grounds of rejection raised in the final Office Action were discussed. The Examiner explained that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 26, 2003, and the new claims 11-14 necessitated all of the new grounds of rejection. Therefore, the Examiner maintained that the finality of the Office Action is proper.

Additionally, Applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner the Interview Summary that was included with the final Office Action (PTO mail date May 6, 2003; Paper No. 11). Applicant noted that this interview was initiated by the Examiner and conducted on April 30, 2003 for the purpose of presenting a proposed Examiner's Amendment. Further, Applicant's representative noted that, although form PTO-413 was used to summarize the interview instead of form PTO-413B (Examiner Initiated Interview), the Interview Summary and corresponding Continuation of Substance of Interview accurately reflect the substance of the interview initiated by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicant's representative noted that, during the telephone conference of April 30, 2003, the Examiner became aware of the Information Disclosure Statement, which was filed by Applicant on March 26, 2003, and at that time, the Examiner promptly withdrew the proposal for an Examiner's Amendment in order to review the Information Disclosure Statement.

Therefore, as discussed in the telephone conference of June 10, 2003, Applicant's representative submits this Statement of the Substance of the interview initiated by the Examiner and conducted on April 30, 2003, as well as the telephone conference initiated by Applicant's

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representative and conducted on June 10, 2003, in accordance with MPEP § 713.04 and 37
C.F.R. § 1.133.

Respectfully submitted,

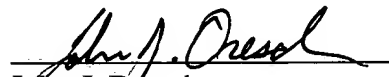
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